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BRYAN SAYS BIG STICK IS EMPTY AS GOURD

Delegation of Nebraska Farmers
Present Democratic Nominee
With Curiously Shaped Token

NO BIG STICK FOR HIM

Says He Believes People Are Easier
Led by Love Than Controlled by
Fear—The Gourd, He Says, Sym-
bolizes Hollowness of Republican
Promises Farmers Contribute.

(By Associated Press.)
FAIRVIEW, LINCOLN, NEB., Aug. 13.—Invitations to visit various parts of the country and deliver speeches today came thick and fast on William J. Bryan. California's request for a visit again was pressed upon him by Charles Edelman, of San Francisco, with the result that the Democrat is giving the matter serious consideration.

Reidville, Mass., wants him there on August 25 to witness the trotting derby, the first event of the kind, it is said ever to occur in the United States. As Mr. Bryan, on that day will be in Indianapolis, he was compelled to decline.

Wants to Go South.
Through Henry C. Glynn and R. H. Walker, Montgomery, Ala., expressed its desire for his presence on August 19.

Mr. Bryan expressed a desire to go South. He said that he always had been cordially received there and was greatly indebted to the Southern people for their uniform support and kindness, but that the campaign was too young at this time for him to make any definite announcement as to his engagements on that date.

He hoped that after a conference with the national committee he might be able to go to Montgomery and possibly some other points in the Southern states in response to numerous invitations.

"I am glad to say," Mr. Bryan remarked, "that all these invitations assure me that I will receive the electoral vote of not only Alabama but all of the Southern States."

Presented With Big "Stick."
An incident of the day was the presentation to Mr. Bryan by several farmers from Otoe county, Nebraska, of a "big stick" gourd grown in the State. It is about five feet in length and easily might be taken for the original, if there ever was one, which has been so generally caricatured. It bore the inscription "Bryan's Big Stick," painted in large black letters.

Mr. Bryan, although expressing his thanks for the gift, declared that if elected to the Presidency the "big stick" would not be wielded rather relying on his ability to lead people through their love than to control them through fear.

"The gourd which you present certainly looks very much like the 'big stick' as we have seen it caricatured," said Mr. Bryan, "and I think the gourd is a fitting emblem to represent Republican policies for the 'big stick' which has been so loudly pulsed has not accomplished a great deal in the way of actual legislation. The Republican leaders have so steadfastly opposed reform that the 'big stick' will not be in evidence. Then, too, the gourd may fitly symbolize the hollowness of Republican promises and the fact that Republican policies have nothing in them to the farmer. I shall be glad to accept the big stick gourd, although if the Democratic party wins, the 'big stick' will not be in evidence. The Democratic idea is not coercion by force, but a justice that will appeal to the heart of men for it is easier to lead people through their love than control them through their fears."

Farmers Contribute \$50.
"I have been informed that on the way to Lincoln a collection was taken up on the train and that fifty farmers gave \$1 apiece to our campaign funds. I want to thank them for this manifestation of their interest in their cause. In 1900 the free excursion was one of the features of the Republican campaign. It is singular that you not only your your fares to attend this notification meeting, but in addition make this contribution. One of the reasons for the delay of reform has been that a few corporations have been supplying the Republican party with its campaign fund and then controlling policies after election. Our campaign fund is coming from the people and the people will control the future."

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SHOT AT HIS WIFE FOR REFUSING TO TALK TO HIM

Wealthy German of Lincoln, Neb.,
Then Attempted Suicide—Wife
Uninjured.

(By Associated Press.)
LINCOLN, NEB., Aug. 13.—Because his wife would not talk to him as frequently as he desired, William Lush, one of Lincoln's wealthiest German citizens, fired four times at her with a revolver late this afternoon and tonight attempted suicide. One of the bullets tore through Mrs. Lush's hair but she is uninjured. Lush was taken to St. Elizabeth's hospital. He will live, as the bullet merely chipped his skull.

The couple have been married 30 years.

Case Against Mrs. Collier Dismissed.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, August 13.—Mrs. Louis A. Collier, wife of Willie Collier, the comedian, was discharged from custody today and the charge against her of defrauding an Atlantic Hotel of a \$12 board bill was dismissed by Justice Markley, of Jersey City.

Mrs. Collier was arrested yesterday when she arrived from Atlantic City. She showed the justice today board bills paid in advance as late as August 4, and stated that she had notified the hotel proprietor of her intention to leave and had paid all bills presented to her before leaving.

ALABAMA WILL PROTEST

Will Lodge Complaint Against In-
creased Freight Rates

ALL SOUTHERN STATES IN LINE

New Rates, It Is Declared, Have a
Very Injurious Effect Upon State
of Alabama and That Universal In-
crease Violates Anti-Trust Law.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, August 13.—Strong protest against the action of the railroads in the Southeastern territory putting into effect a raise in rates on grain, fresh meats, packing house products and hay, will be lodged with the Interstate Commerce Commission within the next two or three days on behalf of the State Railroad Commission of Alabama.

The protest will be brought to the attention of the commission in a formal complaint against those railroads similar to the one recently filed with the commission by the A. P. Morgan Grain Company and others of Atlanta, Ga., and elsewhere, but will, it is understood, be couched in more vigorous language.

Notice of the Alabama Railroad Commission's intention to take such action was given to Chairman Knapp of the Interstate Commerce Commission when W. D. Nesbit and Samuel W. Weakly, commissioner and counsel respectively, of the Alabama Railroad Commission, held a brief conference. Later they discussed with Judge Knapp the form of complaint which they would file with the commission and tomorrow will hold a more extended conference with him relative to the matter.

The complaint will also call attention, it is understood, to the increased rates effective August 10 in the Southeastern territory which the Alabama commission claims effects their state. Commissioner Nesbit declared the increased rates would have very injurious effects upon the state of Alabama. He asserted that the alleged agreement between the traffic managers to increase their rates on certain commodities constituted an illegal combination in restraint of interstate commerce and in violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

LOOKING FOR MURDERER

Negro Who Killed Policeman in Port-
smouth Still at Large.

NORFOLK, VA., August 13.—Neither James Strong, the negro assassin of Policeman Whittinger, of Portsmouth, nor the unknown assailant of Miss Powell, of Prentiss Place, have yet been caught.

Several suspects have been arrested, but none proved to be the criminals. The police are still working hard to arrest the negroes.

Races at Saratoga Slow.

SARATOGA, N. Y., August 13.—The card offered at Saratoga today was very ordinary and the racing was tame. The feature, the American selling stake at one mile, resulted in an easy victory for Persimmon.

WRIGHT'S AEROPLANE MEETS WITH ACCIDENT

Aeronaut Ascends to High Altitude
Then Attempts to Descend With-
out Aid of Motor.

WRIGHT WAS NOT INJURED BY FALL

When Seventy-five Feet in the Air
Machine Propellers Stopped and It
Began to Float Downward With
Great Force—Left Wing Badly
Damaged, but Will be Repaired.

(By Associated Press.)
LE MANS, August 13.—The Wright aeroplane suffered an accident this morning which will require a week to repair. After two superb flights Wilbur Wright essayed a new method of descent. He stopped the motor at a height of 50 feet and tried to come to earth on a gradual descending glide. The calculations were not absolutely correct and the left wing of the aeroplane came in contact with the ground. This tore the frame of the machine, but Mr. Wright was not injured.

Flight Lasted Two Minutes.
Mr. Wright's second flight, which lasted two minutes, was a novel one. The aeroplane soared and descended at will, executing bewildering turns. Suddenly, as viewed from the grand stand, the machine lost its speed and began curving slowly toward the earth. All appeared to be going well until it tilted to leeward and the delicate frame work struck the ground with the result that it was damaged and torn.

Mr. Wright calmly stepped out and examined the wreck. He was quickly surrounded by anxious friends to whom he explained that there had been no accident in the air, but that he had merely decided to try a new descent. He shut off the motor at a height of 75 feet and endeavored to float downward.

Plans Worked Badly.
The real cause of the accident was the attempting to land on the exact spot of his departure. In lifting the planes at the last moment he pulled the left plane too sharply. The damage can be repaired easily, but because of the absence of necessary material, work will require several days.

Among the spectators today were Miss Morgan, daughter of J. P. Morgan; M. Kapferer, the engineer of the French dirigible balloon Ville de Paris, and other French enthusiasts.

LIMOGES, August 13.—An army aeronaut expert writing in the Militaire concerning Wilbur Wright's demonstrations with the aeroplane, says that these have established the principal uses to which the aeroplane may be applied in the military service. The first of these has been for reconnoitering in front of an army in which it would entirely supersede cavalry on account of the speed and the possibility of seeing more fully and accurately the operations and the ability to soar to a height of 100 feet or more. The second is for conveying information and instructions along extended battle fronts, for which it is almost as practicable as the balloon.

Commercial Secretaries Meet.

(By Associated Press.)
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., August 13.—At today's session of the convention of the Commercial Secretaries of the South, a permanent organization was effected to be known as the Southern Commercial Secretaries Association. W. B. Royster, of Chattanooga, was elected president. Vice-presidents were chosen from all the Southern States represented at the meeting. Edwin L. Quarles, of Petersburg, Va., was elected secretary.

Atlanta was selected as the place for holding the next meeting.

Eagles Hold Big Parade.

(By Associated Press.)
SEATTLE, WASH., August 13.—Twelve thousand members of the fraternal order of Eagles from every corner of North America paraded through the streets of Seattle today cheered by a throng of citizens and visitors that all but blocked their passage.

Magnificent uniform spectacular floats, bands and crack drill teams made up the pageant. There was no grand lodge session today and several thousand Eagles went to Tacoma to take part tonight in the dedication of a new lodge hall.

TYPOS WILL HOLD NEXT CONVENTION AT ST. JOSEPH

Organization Decides to Abolish Sub-
stitute List in all Union
Offices.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, MASS., Aug. 13.—The delegates to the International Typographical Union convention today decided to hold the next convention at St. Joseph, Mo. With this question settled the convention took up several proposed changes in the general laws, but the only one adopted was that abolishing substitute lists in all union offices.

The change it was stated, will open all union offices to all union men who can get a job.

At the afternoon session addresses were made by George L. Berry, president of the International Printing Pressmen's Union, of Cincinnati; Horner Glocking, president of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders and Charles H. Taylor, Jr., representing the American Newspaper Publishers Association.

John Mitchell, of the National City League, was a guest of the convention.

WEATHER FORECAST BRIGHT FOR WESTERN GRAIN CROPS

Rising Temperature and Rains Pre-
dicted for Corn and Spring
Wheat Belts.

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 13.—The weather bureau tonight issued a special forecast of conditions likely to prevail over a large area from Saturday to Tuesday inclusive as follows:

A barometric disturbance will advance from the Rocky Mountain district to the Atlantic coast from August 14 to 18 crossing the plains Saturday, the central valley and lake regions Sunday and Monday, and the Atlantic states Monday and Tuesday, preceded by rising temperature attended by rains that will cover the corn and spring wheat states, and followed by a period of lower temperature.

THAW WILL BE FREE IN A MONTH IS PREDICTION.

Once Out of New York He Can Easily
Obtain Freedom by Writ of
Habeas Corpus.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, August 13.—That Harry Thaw will be free within a month is the opinion of prominent lawyers in New York. Eugene Phillips, former district attorney, said today:

"There is no doubt that once Thaw steps free outside of New York state he will be a free man, or if not actually free, can be made so by a writ of habeas corpus. Harry Thaw was not convicted of any crime. He was acquitted on the ground of insanity."

"Justice Dowling, believing it to be for the good of the state, committed Thaw to Matteawan. This commitment is legal only in New York."

LAUNCH CAPSIZES AND DROWNS FOUR PEOPLE

Got in Swell Caused by Big Steamer
and Waves Turned Boat
Over.

KILBOURNE, WIS., August 13.—By the capsizing of a pleasure launch on the Wisconsin river this afternoon four Chicagoans were drowned.

They are: Miss Mabel Ward, Mrs. W. G. Heath and son, and E. G. Pfeiffer.

The launch, containing nine persons, was returning from a trip through the Dells. When near the wharf, the boat got into the waves of a passing steamer and capsized.

The accident was soon by many people on the pier and rescue at once was attempted with boats and launches, but four had sunk before aid arrived.

TAFT WILL NOT REPLY TO BRYAN'S LINCOLN SPEECH

If Reply is Found Necessary, How-
ever, It Will Be Made in One of
His Campaign Speeches.

HOT SPRINGS, VA., Aug. 13.—No comment for publication in the newspapers on the acceptance speech of W. J. Bryan is to be made by W. H. Taft. This decision was announced by the Republican candidate today even before he had opportunity to read the Bryan speech. This reading he said, he wished to do with great deliberation and should his personal make a reply necessary, it will be made the subject of a speech or included in a speech Mr. Taft may make at some future time. His next speech will be delivered here a week from next Friday to a gathering of Virginia Republicans who are coming to the mountains for a general rally.

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ADMITS PARENTAGE OF VAUGHAN CHILD

Woman With Number of Aliases
Says Poisoned Baby Who Died
at Richmond Home Was Hers

IS A MYSTERIOUS CHARACTER

Some of the Queer Circumstances
Surrounding the Death of the In-
fant Are Cleared Up—Woman Has
Left Richmond and is Believed to
be in Reanoke.

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 13.—It appears that some of the mystery which has surrounded the identity of Baby Vaughan, who lost his life by poisoning while an inmate of the City Home, is to be cleared up.

From many sources comes the information that the woman known as Mrs. "Dr." G. F. Mounts has stated that she is the mother of the baby. These statements have only gained circulation within the last few days and are of such a nature as to make them appear of considerable value.

The woman, whose real name, by the way, is Mildred Prince, has successfully eluded the police since the tragic end of the little foundling. In fact, neither Sergeant Bailey nor Wren has been able to obtain an interview with her.

Adopted the Baby.
It will be remembered that "Mrs." Mounts adopted the baby after it had been taken to the City Home, but subsequently returned the little fellow because, so it was reported, her husband objected to the infant's being in the house.

The murder of the child had been disclosed the woman left for parts unknown, and inquiry of her husband elicited the information that he did not know where she had gone.

The woman recently had lived at several places. Her last place of residence was 308 East Main street. Here she lived with a Miss Smith, whose identity remains clouded in mystery, but who it is learned, subtended a portion of the house. The original tenant of the house became involved in financial difficulties and possession of the furniture was taken by the high constable, for the purpose of public sale at the instance of the woman's creditors.

It was while this sale was going on that the facts in the City Home case leaked out.

Said She Was the Mother.
A deputy in the constable's office whose name is withheld by request, but who stands ready to substantiate the correctness of the statement, says that when he entered the house to dispose of the goods, he was met by the Mounts or Prince woman, who said: "Don't you know me? I am Mildred Mounts, of Wilkes-Barre, Pa., and I am the mother of the 'Vaughan Baby' they are raising so much fuss about at the City Almshouse."

The deputy further adds that the woman told him she had little opinion of the police, since they could not find her. She said she had been employed at the Jamestown Exposition as a waitress in one of the restaurants, but had left there after the close of the Exposition for Washington.

Two other officers in the constable's office also heard the remarks of the woman, and all of these are of the opinion that she gave every evidence of having recently become a mother.

To a lady who lives at 135 West Cary street, and whose name is also withheld for obvious reasons, the Mounts woman also stated that she was the mother of the infant. This lady remarked one day in conversation with the Mounts woman that the mother seemed very little interested in the death of her child, and was forthwith informed that this was a mistaken idea; that she had wept bitterly and had refused to part with any of the apparel of the little thing, which she clung to as if the clothes were priceless.

Why Open About It.

As a matter of fact the Mounts woman seems to have taken no great pains to hide her identity. As many as ten persons have been reported who heard her statement of the fact that she was the infant's mother.

Coupled with all this is the knowledge that the police do not know who the mother of the baby actually is, though careful investigations were made in Norfolk, where the child is supposed to have been born.

A hypothetical story was worked up which seems to be held as plausible by the police, but a direct question asked at headquarters today brought

TELLS POLICE OF GAMBLING IN FASHIONABLE SECTION

Pittsburg Man Claims He Lost \$600
in Faro Game in New York
"Private" Residence.

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, August 13.—A story of a faro game at high stakes in a luxuriously furnished private dwelling in the fashionable section of the upper West Side was disclosed today at the hearing of Martin Phillips, who was arraigned in the West Side court today and was held in \$1,500 bond for trial.

Neville R. Moxley, formerly of Pittsburg, Pa., who gave his present address as this city, was the complainant, alleging that he lost \$600 in a faro game dealt by Phillips.

In his story to the court Moxley said that he came to New York to work a "system" with Phillips.

Moxley said that Phillips wrote to him saying that they could make \$2,000 out of Phillips' employer.

Pythians Choose Milwaukee.

(By Associated Press.)
BOSTON, August 13.—The supreme lodge, Knights of Pythias, voted today that the next convention be held in Milwaukee, Wis., which had already been selected by the assembly of the uniform rank of the order.

The formal vote today stood: Milwaukee, 87; Richmond, Va., 23; Colorado Springs, 22, and Mackinac Island, 65.

FOUR FEVER STRICKEN

America Constable Was Able to
Serve Distress Warrant.

FURNISHED FOOD TO SUFFERERS

Went to Get Furniture for Her Pa-
ment of Rent But Upon Seeing the
Condition Mother and Children the
Constable's Heart is Touched.

RICHMOND, VA., Aug. 14.—Surrounded by seven small children, four of whom were desperately ill with typhoid fever, Mrs. John H. Wade, who lives near Old Vista, yesterday pleaded with Constable C. O. Birch, of Henrico county, and that officer desisted from serving a distress warrant, which the long illness in the family has their entire stock of household furniture.

The mother wept bitterly as one after another she pointed to her suffering little ones, and at last completely broke down with an exclamation that she was unable to buy medicines or proper food. The father of the family is a hard working farmer, but the long illness of the family has almost used up his entire supply of funds.

Over one crib, in which a boy of six years was suffering from the disease, a piece of mosquito netting was thrown, and the mother pitifully told that not even this protection would be furnished the other children on account of her extreme poverty.

Four weeks ago the youngest of the Wade children was born, and it was two weeks later that the first case of fever developed. The mother left her bed to become a nurse for the ill ones, and since then has labored night and day to furnish food and comfort and attention was in her power.

When Constable Birch called at the home the cupboard was bare, and he, touched by the pitiful circumstances, went to a nearby store and, purchasing a generous supply of provisions, took them to the woman.

Mrs. Wade was assured that the warrant of seizure on her household goods would not be enforced, and that leniency would be allowed. The amount due is \$13.75, while already before the family got into such destitute circumstances, \$9 had been paid on the account.

Constable Birch has already volunteered to bring the sad case to the attention of influential citizens and is arranging to give a benefit entertainment, the proceeds of which will be turned over to the mother.

A physician is in charge of the family, and will one day be furnished. It is hoped that some relief will be furnished. The father was not at home when the officer called, and the three well members of the household were clinging to their food parent's apron strings.

Across the road from the Wade family lives a blind man and his sixteen year old daughter. The daughter is ill with fever, but she is on the road to recovery.

This is the second community in the county in which fever has been reported as an epidemic.

HORRIBLE CRIME OF RELIGION CRAZED MAN

With an Axe He Cut Off the
Head Then Crushed the
Daughters Skull

SLASHED HIS THROAT WITH KNIFE

Raced His Divorced Wife Through
Hills, Cutting Her With Axe
Had Bought Lot in Cemetery, and
Ties and Gravestones for Himself
and His Victims.

(By Associated Press.)

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Aug. 13.—Driven mad by religious mania, J. Duffy, sixty years old, today attacked and killed his son and daughter with an axe and then cut his own throat with a razor, inflicting serious injuries. The tragedy occurred in the extreme northwestern corner of the city. Duffy lived at the home of his son, Fred Duffy. He had been on the verge of violent insanity for weeks as a result of religious enthusiasm. Last night he attended religious meeting and worked himself into a frenzy.

When he arose this morning he was suddenly seized with a deadly chill. Securing a sharp axe he stealthily entered the bedroom of his son, while the latter lay asleep, and with the axe he cut the boy's neck close to the side of the head and raising the axe aloft he struck down with terrific force, severing the neck of the son. The boy was covered with blood and the mother, who lived with the family, rushed to the head of the victim and found him dead.

His bloody fingers, dripping with blood, he then turned to his daughter, who was at the foot of the bed, where his wife and daughter had opened the front door and fled.

Killed His Daughter.

Mrs. Ada Loomis, the daughter of her mother was in room room, fleeing continually to this room, endeavoring to escape the maniac. Mrs. Loomis, however, was back to him. Without a word warning he swung the axe aloft and the air and cleft his daughter's neck. Her whole head was severed from the blow.

Mrs. Duffy fled through the front door, closely pursued by the maniac, striking at her with the axe. The woman succeeded in escaping him but not before she had received a severe gash on the cheek, the axe swung by Duffy as he fled.

Duffy then walked to the street where he drew a razor from his pocket and slashed his own throat, inflicting frightful wounds.

Purchased Lot in Cemetery.
Several weeks ago Duffy, who the Evergreen cemetery and changed a lot containing a grave wanted it for himself, and paid for it. Three days ago he gave a coffin for himself.

Fred Duffy, the son, was 24 and unmarried. He was an able mechanic.

The daughter lived with her mother, Fred Loomis, a carpenter, and their six years old daughter.

Mrs. Duffy and her husband have been divorced and she has been the home of her daughter and her through supporting the man.

Before entering the Loomis Duffy conceived his mania, which he carried. The wife was severely injured by the maniac. The woman, however, is recovering. Duffy is now in the sanitarium and is recovering.

Ordered Them to Leave.
Duffy not only purchased the cemetery for the burial of his three graves. These graves were put in place on the lot, and the maniac, during the night of J. Duffy, "Fred A. Duffy" and "Ada Loomis."

The gravesman for his work was placed on each side of the road for himself. Duffy was in the cemetery and told the man that he was in no great hurry to leave them buried.

Thought Duffy Mad.
The maniac, however, was in the cemetery and told the man that he was in no great hurry to leave them buried.

"I don't remember," Duffy said, "but I don't remember."

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